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In accordance with NEPA and Army Regulations [32 CFR 651.14b(2)(i)], the Final EA and a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) are being made available to the public for a 30-day review and comment period prior to the making of a final decision and proceeding with the action. The deadline for receipt of comments is August 15, 2002. Requests for copies of the EA and comments should be directed to U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Environmental Sciences Division, Mr. Charles Botdorf, CSTE-DTC-YP-CD-ES, Yuma, AZ 85365-9107, (928) 328-2754; or by contacting Jason Associates Corporation, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma, AZ 85365-9107, (928) 328-2630.

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The Proposed Action involves construction of a 5-mile oval track; a 1+ mile ride and handling course; a 36-foot wide mechanical reliability course; a 1,800 foot skid pad and brake test area; and construction of a variety of service buildings and offices facilities. These construction elements are based on conceptual development plans for the Hot Weather Test Complex.

Two alternatives were evaluated in this EA for potential impacts on environmental resources, Alternative A (Laguna Region) and Alternative B (No-Action). Potential impacts to soils, biological, and cultural resources were determined to be associated with Alternative A. However, implementation of standard best management practices and mitigation measures during activities associated with the Proposed Action would negate or minimize impacts.

As a result of the analysis in this EA, it is anticipated that the implementation of Alternative A will not result in significant impacts to the environment. To ensure that impacts to the environment are avoided or minimized, the mitigation and management methods discussed in Chapter 5 of the referenced EA will be followed.  
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